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District Attorney Jackie Lacey Issues Statement Regarding Death of Former DA John Van de Kamp

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey today issued the following statement on the passing of former District Attorney John Van de Kamp:

"John Van de Kamp was one of the most ethical and kind-hearted people I've ever met. He was an admired public servant who dedicated his life to seeking justice," Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey said.

"He cared deeply about the District Attorney's Office. Among his lasting legacies was his devotion to helping victims of serious and violent crimes. As District Attorney, he established one of the nation's first victim services programs. We, as an office, are indebted to him for his innovative and straightforward leadership and his enduring sense of fairness."

"On a personal note, I am thankful for John's wisdom and gentle guidance throughout my tenure," District Attorney Lacey said. "I frequently sought his advice and looked up to him as a stalwart of the justice system. Like many, I mourn his passing, and I will miss his wisdom, his wit and his kindness."

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.